



Menston Primary School

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Friday 27th March 2026

Red Nose Day & World Down Syndrome Day Celebrations

Today our school celebrated World Down Syndrome Day and Red Nose Day with pupils wearing their favourite red clothes. The School Council organised a brilliant fundraising fair, with Y5 and 6 pupils running stalls of handmade items. Thanks to our families' generosity, we raised an impressive £1398.55 for the Down Syndrome Training & Support Centre in Bingley.



Online Safety Newsletter

The April edition of the Knowsley City Council Online Safety Newsletter has been published. Parents and carers can view the newsletter from our website by [clicking here](#).



A Message from Annet Nottingham, our Chair of Governors

As always at this time of year, governors have focused on analysing pupil achievement data, attendance and behaviour. We were pleased to note that these indicators remain very strong in our school and we thank all staff and parents who work so hard together to make sure pupils can achieve to the best of their abilities. The education sector is yet again facing changes and continues to be under financial pressure. Managing the school budget is a perpetual challenge for school leaders and governors. However, we feel well supported by Moorlands Learning Trust to work with other schools in the Trust so we can share resources and best practice, and achieve economies of scale.

A Message from Mrs Wilson

Huge thanks to all our families for your continued support this term, including taking time out of your busy schedules to support our educational visits and in-school events. We are delighted that our school has achieved the MyHappyMind Gold Accreditation. This is a significant achievement which reflects our deep and ongoing commitment to supporting children's mental health and wellbeing. Staff and pupils have embraced the MyHappyMind curriculum wholeheartedly and it is wonderful to see how confidently and positively children now talk about their own wellbeing and emotional development. Thank you also to all families for supporting punctual arrival at school each day. This makes a real difference to children's readiness for learning. A gentle reminder that all children should be in their classrooms by 8:45am so that lessons can begin promptly. I would also like to remind parents that term-time holidays cannot be authorised and request that families continue to avoid taking children out of school during the school year. We aim for every child to achieve at least 97% attendance so they can make the most of every learning opportunity. Even small drops in attendance can have a significant impact on learning:

- 95% attendance means a child has missed around 10 days (two weeks) of school over the year.
- 90% attendance means a child has missed around four weeks of lessons.

We appreciate the support of our families in ensuring children are in school every day unless they are genuinely too unwell to be at school.

We are very proud of the many KS2 pupils who have achieved awards through our Citizenship Award Scheme this term. Their hard work and commitment to 'Making Our World a Better Place' is truly inspiring. We look forward to welcoming our Chair of Governors, Mrs Nottingham, to school during the summer term to present the highest-level Governor Award to our deserving pupils.

I hope all our families enjoy a restful and refreshing holiday and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 13 April for the final term of the school year.

A Message from our School Council

The National Year of Reading is a new UK-wide campaign to encourage people of all ages to enjoy reading and to make it a regular part of their lives. This year's theme is "Go All In". Among young people, reading for pleasure is at its lowest level in 20 years so we would love your child to try and get involved. Go All In aims to increase reading for pleasure by asking children to read anything that interests them! Lots of famous faces are supporting this global campaign. National Year of Reading ambassador and Arsenal footballer Leah Williamson, says "The National Year of Reading 2026 is your chance to really go all in on your passions." If you don't like reading, it might just be that you haven't found the right thing for you - you could read comics or articles - it doesn't have to be a story book! To find out more, you can visit [National Year of Reading 2026 | National Literacy Trust](#).



FoMPS would like to wish all school families and very happy Easter, we hope the children enjoy their little Easter egg treat, funded by FoMPS. Look out for fun volunteering opportunities coming up along with these two great events happening next term: the YOMP men's walk event will take place on **Saturday 27th June 2026**. Start with bacon butties and tea/coffee at the Malt Shovel before taking the coach to Burnsall to hike back through the fabulous Yorkshire Dales, via various refreshment stops, to Menston. To secure your seat on the coach, [click here](#) to buy your ticket now. Tickets are now available for the WOMP women's walk on **Saturday 13th June 2026**. Please [click here](#) to purchase your ticket. Join us for some summer fun on a walk in our beautiful countryside with food, drinks and a luxury raffle!

School Lunch Menu - WC: 13/04/2026 Week 1

Please [click here](#) for updated information and pricing for the school meal menu.

School meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. **For Years 3 to 6, the cost of school meals is £2.75 per day/ £13.75 per week.** Please ensure your Parent Pay account is in credit prior to meals being taken by children. **If you have any questions relating to payment for school meals, please contact Facilities Management on 07973 841632 or email michelle.thomas@bradford.gov.uk**

Monday: Beef & Red Lentil Bolognese, Soya Mince Chilli, Quorn Hot Dog, Jacket Potatoes, or Sandwiches

Tuesday: Pork & Apple Whirl, Halal Chicken & Spinach Curry, Pomodoro Pasta, Cheese Panini, or Sandwiches

Wednesday: Roast Meat Dinner, Halal Roast Chicken Dinner, Golden Cheese Roll, Jacket Potatoes, or Sandwiches

Thursday: Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Veg & Cheese Tortilla Wrap, Arrabiata Pasta, Cheese Panini, or Sandwiches

Friday: Fish Fingers, Arrabiata Pasta, Jacket Potatoes, or Sandwiches

Please note: halal options are strictly reserved for halal children

Schools' Cricket Day – 23rd April 2026

To celebrate Schools' Cricket Day, our KS2 children will take part in a range of cricket activities throughout the week commencing 20th April. These sessions will help build skills, boost confidence, and inspire a lifelong enjoyment of the game.

Art / Craft Club

We made some lovely spring pictures by stamping with green paint to make grass and creating sheep pictures. We also loved making Easter cards for our last art club of this term.



Dates for your diary: check [our website](#) for more!

Friday 27 March: School closes at 3:15pm for the Easter Holidays (Care Club will remain open till 6pm)

Monday 13 April: School reopens

Easter Holiday Clubs

PE People Easter Holiday Club

Mr Langan is excited to announce that bookings are now open for his Easter holiday club! Book now by [clicking here](#).



Susan Knowles Easter Drama School

Susan Knowles Drama School will be running an Easter camp for children at The Queen's Hall, Burley. The theme of the camp is The Lion King. The camp will run from Monday 30th March - Friday 3rd April, 9:00am till 3:30pm. Parents are invited to a performance at 3:00pm on Friday afternoon. To book, please contact Sue on 07806 640661



Cross Country

Following their fantastic performances in the Wharfedale Schools' Cross Country League, nine of our runners earned places in the Bradford Primary Schools Inter-League Cross-Country Event at Cliffe Castle, Keighley. Each of them rose to the challenge in what was an exceptionally competitive field. We are incredibly proud of their effort, resilience and sportsmanship. A huge well done to: Lauren and Barnaby (Year 3), Eleanor, Olive, Charlotte, Isobel, Lucas and Max (Year 5), Eloise (Year 6)

Y4 Soup Day

This week the Y4s took part in Soup Day as part of our Design Technology unit. The children had to design and make a soup using seasonal ingredients, as well as create marketing posters and can art. All the soups were then judged by a special panel and marked on taste, texture and branding. A special thank you to all the parents who came in to help and to the team at the Menston Community Fridge who supplied the ingredients.

Useful Links for Parents

- **Cool Milk:** if you would like to register your child to receive milk in school, please do so via the [Cool Milk website](#). For more information regarding school milk, visit our [website here](#).
- **Stikins:** [click here](#) to order name labels for your child's uniform. Quote our Fundraising Number: 13253 and we will earn 30% commission on orders!
- **Medicine & Leave of Absence Forms:** [click here](#) to visit our website's 'Useful Forms' page, where you can download medicine and Leave of Absence forms.
- **ParentPay:** to make online payments for school lunches and trips, [click here](#).
- **Arbor:** [click here](#) to view our website's Arbor page with direct links to download the app on Android and IOS.

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